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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office.

Thank you for your response to these surveys.

  
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Director

## Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 201 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 5 points (2.4 percent) from November. The Crop Index is down 8 points (3.4 percent) and the Livestock Index remained unchanged. Producers received lower prices for milk, lettuce, turkeys, and eggs and higher prices for soybeans, broilers, cattle, and grapes. Increased monthly movement of wheat, milk, broilers,

and hay offset the decreased marketing of corn, soybeans, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 22 points (12 percent) from December 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 187, decreased 3 points (1.6 percent) from last month but increased 18 points (11 percent) from December 2011.

### Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary December 2012 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		December 2011 <sup>1</sup>	November 2012 <sup>1</sup>	December 2012 <sup>2</sup>	December 2011 <sup>1</sup>	November 2012 <sup>1</sup>	December 2012 <sup>2</sup>
<i>Dollars</i>					<i>Dollars</i>		
Wheat, All	Bushel	6.20	8.47	8.30	7.20	8.46	8.33
Corn	Bushel	5.81	6.90	6.80	5.86	7.02	7.01
Oats	Bushel	3.81	(D)	(D)	3.57	3.92	3.78
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	9.74	12.20	12.10	10.50	12.40	12.30
Soybeans	Bushel	11.20	14.00	14.10	11.50	14.30	14.70
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	120.00	205.00	211.00	174.00	193.00	192.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	131.00	228.00	232.00	195.00	215.00	217.00
Other, Baled	Ton	94.00	144.00	159.00	131.00	144.00	142.00
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	43.00	37.50	37.00	42.00	39.20	36.70
Hogs	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.50 <sup>3</sup>	61.10 <sup>3</sup>	62.90 <sup>3</sup>
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.70 <sup>3</sup>	61.20 <sup>3</sup>	63.20 <sup>3</sup>
Sows	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55.90 <sup>3</sup>	58.90 <sup>3</sup>	55.80 <sup>3</sup>
Beef Cattle	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	120.00 <sup>3</sup>	123.00 <sup>3</sup>	125.00 <sup>3</sup>
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	126.00 <sup>3</sup>	128.00 <sup>3</sup>	130.00 <sup>3</sup>
Cows	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.50 <sup>3</sup>	76.80 <sup>3</sup>	76.80 <sup>3</sup>
Calves	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	157.00 <sup>3</sup>	161.00 <sup>3</sup>	162.00 <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Entire month average except hay. <sup>2</sup>Preliminary. <sup>3</sup>Price data source is USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not Available – State prices discontinued.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, December 31, 2012

## Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2012, was 3.0 million head. This was down 5 percent from December 1, 2011, and down 5 percent from September 1, 2012. Breeding hogs, at 380,000 head, were down 1 percent from December 1, 2011, but unchanged from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.62 million head, was down 5 percent from last year and down 5 percent from last quarter.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2012 was 66.3 million head. This was down slightly from December 1, 2011, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2012. Breeding inventory, at 5.82 million head, was up slightly from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.5 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

### Hogs and Pigs: December 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2011-2012<sup>1</sup>

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2012/2011
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
December 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	3,150	3,000	95	66,361	66,348	100
Breeding	385	380	99	5,803	5,817	100
Market	2,765	2,620	95	60,558	60,531	100
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 50 pounds	900	870	97	19,524	19,448	100
50-119 pounds	800	720	90	16,643	16,643	100
120-179 pounds	595	540	91	12,473	12,479	100
180 pounds and over	470	490	104	11,918	11,961	100
Sows Farrowing						
December-February <sup>2</sup>	175	175	100	2,843	2,864	101
March-May	185	180	97	2,917	2,982	102
December-May <sup>2</sup>	360	355	99	5,760	5,847	102
June-August	180	170	94	2,927	2,890	99
September-November	180	175	97	2,929	2,900	99
June-November	360	345	96	5,857	5,791	99
Pig Crop						
December-February <sup>2</sup>	1,768	1,820	103	27,866	28,550	102
March-May	1,906	1,899	100	29,252	30,077	103
December-May <sup>2</sup>	3,674	3,719	101	57,118	58,627	103
June-August	1,890	1,785	94	29,355	29,269	100
September-November	1,872	1,838	98	29,365	29,443	100
June-November	3,762	3,623	96	58,720	58,712	100

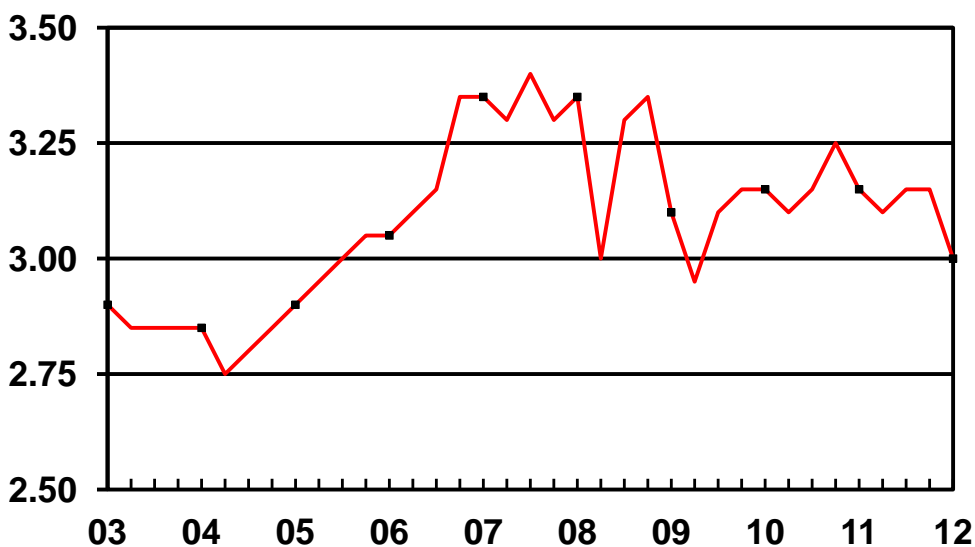
<sup>1</sup> May not add due to rounding. <sup>2</sup> December preceding year.

Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, December 28, 2012

## Nebraska Quarterly Hogs and Pigs

December 1

Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

## Commercial Livestock Slaughter

November 2012 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. November 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. November 2012 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

### Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, November 2012 with Comparisons

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	Nov 2012 Percent of	
		Nov 2011	Oct 2012
Nebraska			
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	571.8	101	94
Hogs, head	658.7	97	89
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	624.1	102	92
United States			
Cattle, head	2,783.8	100	94
Calves, head	70.5	96	97
Hogs, head	10,105.3	101	93
Sheep & Lambs, head	181.8	97	88
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,307.8	101	94

<sup>1</sup> Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, December 21, 2012

## Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, November 30, 2012 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	Nov 30, 2012 Percent of	
		Nov 30, 2011	Oct 31, 2012
1,000 Lbs.			
Total red meats	1,022,008	106	96
Beef	441,041	99	102
Pork	558,035	113	92
Poultry	934,151	110	84
Turkey	257,772	133	57
Chicken	674,839	104	103

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, December 21, 2012

### Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, November 2012 with Comparisons

Item	2011	2012	2012/2011
<i>Millions</i>			
<i>Percent</i>			
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.1	9.3	102
United States	337.7	344.9	102
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	222	223	100
United States	6,605	6,850	104
Chickens Hatched, Nov			
United States			
Egg-type	37.5	35.6	95
Broiler	702.2	693.4	99

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, December 21, 2012



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# Farm Marketings: Percent of Sales, by Crop and Month, Nebraska, 2008-2012<sup>1</sup>

Crop Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Corn</b>												
2008-09	3	7	13	12	12	7	11	7	9	7	6	6
2009-10	6	6	14	14	10	7	8	7	6	6	9	7
2010-11	7	18	9	9	16	8	8	6	4	5	5	5
2011-12	3	13	19	13	12	8	9	5	5	5	4	4
<b>Sorghum Grain</b>												
2008-09	2	1	18	11	19	8	15	8	9	5	2	2
2009-10	3	3	29	17	10	5	8	5	4	5	6	5
2010-11	4	31	21	10	16	3	3	4	3	3	1	1
2011-12	1	20	17	22	13	7	8	2	3	3	3	1
Crop Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Soybeans</b>												
2008-09	4	24	7	9	15	7	9	9	7	4	3	2
2009-10	5	33	18	12	10	5	5	3	1	3	3	2
2010-11	9	33	8	7	24	5	3	2	2	2	2	3
2011-12	5	31	7	12	13	13	7	5	1	2	2	2
<b>Dry Edible Beans</b>												
2008-09	42	15	3	1	7	6	5	4	7	4	1	5
2009-10	39	9	4	6	14	5	8	1	3	3	2	6
2010-11	28	11	5	8	11	5	5	3	5	3	11	5
2011-12	26	25	8	5	11	5	6	3	5	1	1	4
Crop Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Wheat</b>												
2008-09	45	18	4	2	1	4	7	2	4	3	7	3
2009-10	29	16	10	12	5	3	5	3	2	8	3	4
2010-11	41	23	7	3	2	4	5	2	8	2	2	1
2011-12	23	21	3	2	8	5	8	4	3	2	4	17
<b>Oats</b>												
2008-09	64	12	8	2	3	1		2	1	1	1	5
2009-10	30	49	6	5	3	1				1		5
2010-11	19	18	18	5	2	4	11	6	3	9	2	3
2011-12	7	21	23	6	1	9	8	11	1	3	6	4
Crop Year	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Hay</b>												
2008-09	5	6	6	8	10	14	12	10	10	9	6	4
2009-10	4	5	7	10	11	15	11	13	8	8	5	3
2010-11	4	5	7	10	11	15	11	13	8	8	5	3
2011-12	3	4	6	8	15	17	14	13	9	6	3	2

<sup>1</sup> Monthly farm marketings, based on a sample survey, as a percent of total used for calculating marketing year average prices.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, August 31, 2012, September 27, 2012, November 30, 2012